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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Brus et al.

Serial No.: 10/698,086

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For: METHODS FOR THE  
IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIVIRAL  
COMPOUNDS

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Examiner: Z. Lucas

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This supplemental amendment is in response to the Office communication and Notice of Non-responsive Amendment mailed December 15, 2004 for the referenced application. This supplemental amendment incorporates the entirety of the reply originally filed by the Applicants on November 19, 2004 in response to a Requirement for Restriction mailed September 22, 2004.

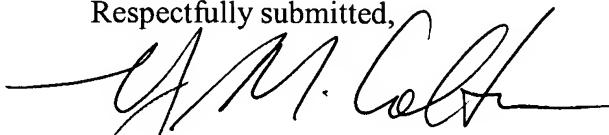
Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the application and claims 1-22 are subject to a Restriction Requirement and Election of Species. To resolve any ambiguity from the response filed November 19, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the claims of Group 1,

claims 1-16. And, as required from the indicated subinventions, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse from subinvention i) the following: a herpes virus. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse from subinvention ii) the following: adenovirus early protein 1. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse from subinvention iii) the following: (d) examining the virus' activity.

From claim 3, as required by an Election of Species in the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse a herpes virus.

Applicants respectfully request a prompt action on the merits of the claims and reconsideration and removal of the restriction requirement with respect to the Groups identified as Groups I-III. Should additional issues remain please contact Applicants' undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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